Funds allocated under National Maternity Scheme to Pondichery

3939. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Union Territory of Pondicherry under the programme of National Maternity Scheme for the period 1995 to 1996, 1996 to 1997, 1997 to June 1998;

(b) the amount spent by the Union Territory during the above period; and

(c) the persons benefited under this Scheme for the said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) The requisite information is given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Funds Released	Expenditures Reported	No. of beneficiaries Reported
1995-96	3.56	1.78	Nil	Nil
1996-97	5.99	0.06	1.64	559
1997-98	2.96	4.44*	4.33	1444

*Includes committed liability for 1996-97 of Rs. 2.96 lakh.

Funds allocated under Family Benefit Scheme (FBS) to Pondicherry

3940. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount was allotted to under Family Benefit Scheme (FBS) for union Territory of Pondicherry for the period 1995 to 1996, 1996 to 1997 and 1997 to 1998;

(b) the amount spent by the Government of pondicherry for the above scheme for the above period; and

(c) the persons benefited under this Scheme for the said period 1995 to 1996, 1996 to 1997 and 1997 to 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) The requisite information is given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Funds Released	Expenditures Reported	No. of beneficiaries Reported
1995-96	3.56	1.78	Nil	Nil
1996-97	5.78	0.06	1.75	33
1997-98	2.86	1.42	1.35	25